

Belmont Recreation Commission

October 16, 2013 Minutes

http://www.town.belmont.ma.us/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_BComm/recreation

In attendance:

John Owens, Outgoing Chairman

David Kane, Incoming Chairman

Ann Bere

Lynn Findlay

Katy Bonnin

Anthony Ferrante

Joe Urciuolo ~

June Howell (Management Liason)

Luke Ferreira

Absent: Laurie Carlson, Jensen Lozano, Bailey Thaxton Paine, Peter Castanino (Conflicting meeting)

Notes key: Recreation Commission = RC, Recreation Department = RD

- Roll Call and Member Introductions
- Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Representative Selected – Anthony Ferrante will replace John Owens as the RC representative. Next CPC meeting to be held Nov. 13, 2013 at 5:00pm. RC representation in this group is important for stewardship of multiple Town projects that impact Rec. Dept. facilities (ie; Underwood Pool). CPC information can be found at http://www.town.belmont.ma.us/public_documents/BelmontMA_BComm/cpa

Administrative Overview (June Howell)

- A Budget: Budget/Expenses \$670,000.00, Annual revenues approx \$800,000 Difference to Town general funds, not back to RC or RD Specifically.
 - David Kane recommended a closer look at budget and line items as Agenda item for November meeting

B Facility Overview (?)

BPS	RD
Concord Ave. Fields	All other fields and parks
Higginbottom Pool	Underwood Pool
BHS Field House (gym)	Viglirolo Skating Rink
All other school fields & gyms	

- BPS has first priority for all its own facilities, RD. second priority at the permission of the BPS, then others
 - Lynn Findlay had a question about the private BATS Swim program as an apparent exception to this policy
 - Katy asked if BPS kept transparent records of what programs pay for School facility use to ensure parity amongst programs. Dolphins only pays a custodial fee to the school but they are a Town program. Is BATS, a private program, paying a facility use fee such as other programs pay (ie; BYHA purchases ice time from RD).
- BPS has first priority on ALL field scheduling until 4:00pm, RD second priority, then others
- RD does not have access to any BPS facilities/fields until after 7:00pm and does not have access to the Beech Street Center until after 4:00pm. Multiple Town organizations and non-profit groups also schedule this space.

C Program Overview (June Howell):

- June briefly explained the programs the RC supports. The Programs extend beyond traditional sports. Luke Ferreira provided an example of the Parkour (urban gymnastics Program as new programming reaching out to Town. See the varied program offerings (karate, lego, etc.) at http://www.town.belmont.ma.us/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_Recreation/afterschool
- June also provided an overview of the Belmont SPORT (Special Programs Organized for Recreation Time) special needs program which serves ages 6-60+ and is open to residents of Belmont and surrounding Towns (some of whom assist with funding some programs but bulk of funding comes from Belmont). This program is directed by Sue Weiner. The Program also has an active 501c(3) which fundraises for this program. Visit: <http://www.belmontsport.org/Important%20Dates/default.html> to learn more.

- 2013 Meeting Dates:

Monday, November 18, 2013

Monday, December 16, 2013

Please let June know if you have any items you would like discussed on the November Agenda

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Thank you John for your RC service. You will be missed!